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**EMPLOYMENT & TECHNICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTIFICATION**

The 7th November 2013

**SUBJECT**—Participation of the State of Odisha in the Common Joint Entrance Examination conducted by the C.B.S.E. on All India basis, i.e., JEE (Main), 2014 for admission to Under Graduate Programmes in B.Tech. and B. Arch. during the academic year 2014-15.

No. 6588—I-TTE-86/2013-ETET.—In view of the discussions and decisions taken in the State Education Minister's Conference held on the 22nd February 2012 and subsequent meeting held on the 5th June 2012 regarding Common National Examination with effect from academic year 2013-14 with due weightage to the State Board results normalised on the basis of percentiles formula, it was under the active consideration of the State Government to participate in the Common Examination process for admission to Under Graduate Programmes in Engineering course from the academic session 2014-15 conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (C.B.S.E.) on All India basis. After threadbare discussion on the issue of participation in the Common National Examination process, Government was pleased to consider for joining in the said process from the year 2014 subject to acceptance of certain conditions as mentioned below :—

- (i) The separate merit list for the State Candidates shall be generated in the Common National Examination and provided to the State Government and the Counselling for such State Candidates shall be done by the State Government through its admission agency following the Reservation Policy and the provisions prescribed in the Odisha Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fee) Act, 2007.
- (ii) 15% seats of the approved intake of all the Private Institutions including Autonomous Institutions and the Private State Universities shall be filled up on merit basis from All India level following the General/All India merit list through the State Admission Agency.
- (iii) Not less than 50% seats of the Deemed Universities functioning in the State shall be filled up through the merit list generated for the State Candidates through Counselling conducted by the State Government. The remaining seats of the Deemed Universities shall be filled

up through Central Counselling conducted by the C.B.S.E. at All India level. Counselling at Institution level should not be allowed as it cannot be ensured that such admission procedure is fair, transparent, merit based and non-exploitative. Accordingly, the University Grant Commission (U.G.C.) may be instructed by the Government of India to modify/prescribe guidelines in respect of the admission in the Deemed Universities.

- (iv) Further, the State Universities and Autonomous Institutions functioning in the State shall fill up their seats from the merit list generated for the State Candidates in the Common National Examination through Counselling conducted by the State Government. Counselling at Institution level should not be allowed as it cannot be ensured that such admission procedure is fair, transparent, merit based and non-exploitative. Accordingly, the University Grant Commission (U.G.C.) may be instructed by the Government of India to modify/prescribe guidelines in respect of the admission in respect of the Autonomous Institution.
- (v) Sufficient number of Examination Centres for Common National Examination across the State may be fixed to facilitate the State Candidates to appear the Examination smoothly.

The decisions of the Government to above effect has been communicated to M.H.R.D., U.G.C. and C.B.S.E. for taking appropriate action at their end.

Meanwhile, the C.B.S.E. has agreed in principle for fixation of sufficient number of Examination Centres covering all the parts of the State to facilitate the State Candidates to appear the JEE (Main), 2014. Besides, during the academic year 2013-14, the admission in Medical Colleges in respect of M.B.B.S. and B.D.S. programmes were conducted through OJEE Counselling in a hassle free manner based upon the State Merit List of National Eligibility-*Cum*-Entrance Test-UG conducted by the C.B.S.E.

After careful consideration of the facts stated above, and in order to reduce the stress on students and parents in appearing multiple Entrance Examinations, Government have been pleased to decide to participate in the JEE (Main), 2014 conducted by the C.B.S.E. in respect of the admission to UG programmes in B.Tech. and B.Arch. programmes (except Lateral Entry) in Government and Private Engineering Colleges including State Universities and Autonomous Colleges.

But the Counselling for admission to aforesaid two programmes shall be done through the State Admission Authority, i.e., by the Odisha Joint Entrance Examination Committee based upon the JEE (Main), 2014, State Merit List following the provisions of the Odisha Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fee) Act, 2007 and adhering to the procedures/norms/conditions/guidelines recommended by the Policy Planning Body and approved by the Government. The OJEE Committee will procure the merit list for the State Candidates from the C.B.S.E. once the JEE (Main) results are pronounced and shall conduct the Counselling for the aforesaid two programmes as is being followed for M.B.B.S. and B.D.S. programmes through NEET (UG) State Merit List.

Herein it is clarified that except the aforesaid two UG programmes the Odisha Joint Entrance Examination, 2014 shall be conducted for admission to all other programmes such as first year Degree Courses in Pharmacy/Homoeopathy/Ayurveda and Master Degree in Applied Management

(MAM)/Masters Degree in Computer Application (MCA) and Lateral Admission to second year (Third Semester) in Engineering/Technology/Pharmacy/Architecture/Masters Degree in Computer Application (MCA) and first year Masters Degree Courses in Computer Application (MCA)/Business Administration (MBA)/PGDM/PGCM/PGDM (Executive) and M.Tech./M.Pharm./M.Arch.

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ORDER—Ordered that the Notification be published in *Odisha Gazette* for general information and copies to be forwarded to all other Departments of the Government.

By order of the Governor

C. S. KUMAR

Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government